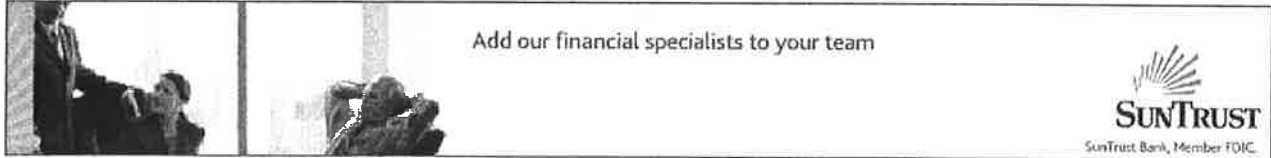


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Negligence/Auto

Mother Driving Child To Day Care - Rear-Ended - Struck By Another Car - Mother's Moderate Closed Head Injury - Child's Soft Tissue Injuries - Loss Of Consortium - \$3.5 Million Total Settlement

Brief Statement of Claim: A mother was taking her one-year-old child to day care before going to work. While stopped at an intersection to make a left turn, defendant corporation's van rear-ended her car at approximately 45 m.p.h. The collision propelled her car into the intersection where it was struck again by an oncoming vehicle.

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The defendant corporation admitted liability. The mother was eventually able to return to work at her profession, but on a less than full-time basis.

Principal Injuries (in order of severity): Mother: moderate closed head injury; child: various soft tissue injuries

Special Damages: Mother: lost income and earning capacity of approximately \$3 million; mother's medical expenses: \$27,328; child's medical expenses: \$5,075

Tried or settled: Confidential settlement

County where tried or settled: The parties prefer to keep the identity of the case confidential.

Case Name and number: *The parties prefer to keep the identity of the case confidential.*

Date Concluded: December 1999

Name of Judge: n/a

Amount: Mother: \$3.025 million; child: \$225,000; spouse's loss of consortium: \$250,000

Insurance Carrier: Confidential

Expert Witnesses and areas of expertise: n/a

Attorneys for plaintiffs: Jay Trehy and Don Strickland of Twiggs, Abrams, Strickland and Trehy, P.A., Raleigh; Mark Costley of Adams & Costley, Greensboro

Other Useful Info: n/a

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